Questions and Answers.

Veterinary Hospitals in the State.

1. **Mr. P. Govinda Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Veterinary Hospitals in the State;

(b) the places where these are situated;

(c) the number of cases treated in each hospital in the years 1108, 1109 and 1110?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(a) Eight.

(b) Ernakulam
Trippunittura
Irinjalakkuda
Trichur
Vadakkancheri
Kunnamkulam
Tattamangalam and
Nemmara

(c) A statement giving the particulars is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Sir, in view of the fact that a large Taluk like Mukundapuram is having only one Hospital will the Government be pleased to provide some more hospitals in the taluk in suitable centres?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Of course, this difficulty was represented to the Government and to provide some relief the touring Veterinary Inspectors were appointed, one for the Northern Division and one for the Southern Division. They are giving relief to the villages away from the headquarters. The Veterinary Inspector for the Southern Division is touring all the villages and he is giving relief to the villages away from the Headquarters Veterniary Hospital at Irinjalakuda. If there are funds the matter may be considered for having another hospital away from the Headquarters at Irinjalakuda.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Has the Government received representations from the people of Thalakudy and Adoor that a Veterinary Hospital may be located there?

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Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yes. There were representations and the matter was reported to the Government and the Government ordered that if there are funds a hospital will be constructed. But on account of the financial difficulties the touring Veterinary Inspectors were for the time being appointed to relieve at least to some extent the difficulties.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Have the Government not received complaints from the people that the services of the so-called Touring Veterinary Inspectors are not at all useful to the people?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—No, Sir. I am not aware of any complaint.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Are the Government satisfied that these Touring Veterinary Inspectors are serving any real purpose whatsoever?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yes. They are serving a real purpose. When there is any outbreak of cattle disease in rural areas at once their services are called for. They immediately go there and treat the cattle. There were many instances of that kind.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is that what is contemplated by the Government by the introduction of this touring Veterinary system?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—That is not the only idea. Whenever there is an emergency, as for example, an outbreak of any disease in any particular area, at once he will be called for duty in that particular area. In other respects, there are many duties that the Touring Veterinary Inspector has to perform; to educate the people with regard to the breeding and feeding of cattle and also to attend to any urgent treatments, as, for example, in the case of accidents or other emergency measures.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—How many villages are there now under one Veterinary Inspector?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—142 Villages in the Northern Division and 131 villages in the Southern Division.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—In one year for how many days will he be able to attend in any particular village?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—He is expected to be touring for 20 days in a month.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—That is not what I wanted to know. For one village how many days will he be able to devote?

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Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—It is not possible to attend to all these villages. What they are now doing is they will be camping in a particular Firkah and then they will be touring about the surrounding villages and enquiring whether there is any outbreak of any disease and if there is none they will pass on to the next Firkah. So in a particular month they may not be able to visit all the villages. Of course, if there is any emergency there is the Headquarter Inspector and information can be given to him. In addition to that there is the Honorary Veterinary Inspector, in every Hospital. So the permanent Veterinary Inspector is free to move about if there is any emergency.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Is it the idea of the Government to continue this system in future also or is it an experiment?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Of course, the idea is to continue this system of Touring Veterinary Inspectors.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—May I know what the practice in British India is? Have they introuced this touring system?

Mr. President.—He can answer only for the Cochin Government.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Has the Veterinary Inspector in the Northern Division visited any one of the villages in the Pazhanji Constituency?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—In the Diary I see that he has visited the villages.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Was not the fact brought to the notice of the Superintendent by the Member for Pazhanji?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—There was a report and the report was sent to the Veterinary Inspector and soon after the receipt of the order he went there and made enquiries and reported.

Improvement of cattle.

2. **Mr. P. Govinda Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) whether they are following any plan for the improvement of the cattle in the State;

(ii) if so, what it is;

(iii) what the results hitherto are?

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APPENDIX I

Statement of cases treated in the several Veterinary Hospitals in 1108, 1109 and 1110.

		1108.	1109.	1110.
1	Veterinary Hospital, Ernakulam	3,130	3,896	2,905
2	Veterinary Sub-Hospital, Trippunittura (Sub-Hospital was opened only in Vrischigam 1110)			992
3	Veterinary Hospital, Irinjalakkuda	2,531	2,643	3,754
4	,, Trichur	6,008	6,604	5,570
5	,, Vadakkancheri	6,440	6,240	3,208
6	,, Kunnamkulam	4,091	3,224	3,107
7	,, Tattamangalam	1,271	2,620	1,991
8	,, Nemmara	2,680	3,676	1,564
	Total	26,151	28,903	23,091

APPENDIX L.

Article 240, Land Revenue Manual

Improvement of Livestock.— The improvement of livestock for dairy' tillage and draught purposes is a matter of the greatest importance. The chief directions in which the officers of the Agricultural Department can help the agriculturists are by (1) giving proper advice in the matter of selection of animals for breeding purposes, housing cattle, growing of suitable fodder crops, asking the ryots to seek the advice of the Veterinary officers of the department, taking proper precautions when contagious or infectious diseases break out, and (2) by persuading well-to-do farmers to adopt up-to-date methods in breeding or to take advantage of the facilities offered by Government in the matter of maintaining stud-bulls. The agricultural Department will also arrange to station stud-bulls at suitable centres which will be notified from time to time.

Grants will also be given to ryots, whether individuals or bodies of people such as panchayats, co-operative societies or other institutions, for maintaining stud-bulls of approved merit. The rules regarding the grant are as follows:—

A Government grant of not more than Rs 100 a year will be made to private individuals or associations in consideration of the purchase and maintenance at their cost of an approved bull subject to the observance of the following conditions.—

(a) That the bull is properly housed and maintained in good condition.

(b) That a register of service by the bull is maintained showing results, 40 to 50 services being aimed at in a year.

(c) That the herd of cows covered by the bull is segregated from the rest of the village cattle, unless other male stock of the locality is castrated.

(d) That the cows covered are ordinarily limited to those owned either by the members of a society or by a particular breeder or group of breeders;

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